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I, Oliver B. Cooperman, M.D., declare and say as follows:

I am a physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Montana. I practice at Rimrock Foundation, 1231 N. 29th Street, Billings, MT 59102. I am a graduate of Harvard School of Medicine and completed a residency in psychiatry at Mt. Zion Hospital in San Francisco, CA.

I frequently prescribe and advise patients to use dietary supplements including omega -3 fatty acids derived from fish oils.

The medical and nutritional benefits of these supplements have been well recognized by physicians for many years as being beneficial to patients.

It has been, likewise, well recognized by physicians that these supplements are unpalatable to many patients. As a result many patients do not follow through and take the supplement as advised, and there has been a long felt need for a palatable fish oil.

I have recently been providing a particular brand of Omega-3 supplements produced by Nordic Naturals® known as ProEPA and ProOmega. These are highly concentrated formulations of omega-3 fish oil that respectively concentrate eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) alone and both EPA and docosahexaenoic acid (DHA). The shells of both products are lemon-flavored and quite palatable to patients.

I have observed that the above identified formulation is much more palatable to patients than other formulations, and largely resolves the long felt need for a palatable Omega-3 fish oil derived supplement. I attribute the improvement to be to a large extent due to flavoring added to the gelatin shells. I believe that patient compliance is substantially improved with this formulation compared to others which are available.

All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine and imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issuing hereon. Further declarant saith not.

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